

Nursery, Landscape and Floral Research/ Education

Call for 2006 Proposals

Each year, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee, (ISDA), in cooperation with the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association, awards financial grants to support research/education efforts that would benefit the Idaho nursery, landscape and floral industry. These grants are primarily funded by the nursery industry itself through the collection of a Nursery Research Assessment Fee collected by the ISDA from each nursery license issued. Proposals are now being sought for the 2006 project year. **Proposals must be post marked on or before December 1, 2005. Send 10 copies of the proposal to:**

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Proposal forms and guidelines can be obtained at the ISDA Internet Web Site whose address is listed below:

<http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/PlantsInsects/Documents/NurseryAdvisoryCommittee/frmNurseryResearchApplicatin.pdf>

All research/education proposals should be for a **one year duration only**.

A brief written **mid-year report** and a detailed **final report** setting forth the research/education results are required as part of the grant process. These written reports must follow specific guidelines, which are available at the above mentioned website

Funding for all approved projects is provided in the following allotments: 50% paid upon project approval and 50% paid upon receipt and approval of the Final report.

Research/education project proposals are reviewed, evaluated and prioritized by the members of the Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from the nursery and floral industry, the University of Idaho, and ISDA. Final approval and grant awards are made by the committee in January of 2006.

Due to a mailing error --

Proposals will be accepted until January 1, 2006.

While all submissions will be considered, a priority listing of research projects as established by the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association Research Committee and other related organizations for 2006 are as follows:

- Operating Cost Studies
- More Effective Marketing of Horticulture
- Insect & disease pressure on Treasure Valley plants, this would need to be expanded to at least one other area in Idaho.
- Employee compensation study for Idaho's Green industry.
- A recycling program in Idaho for horticulture waste (i.e black plastic), that is available all over the state of Idaho not just the major cities.
- Study on how we keep Idaho horticulture graduates in the state
- Study of viable wildflower seed
- A seed variety of 'Supertunia' i.e. Wave, Kahuna that requires less fertilizer and will flower under short days without additional lighting.